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Cosco Busan Oil Spill Technical Workshop: Data Exchange, Evaluation of Monitoring Needs, and Restoration Opportunities

**January 25, 2008
8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay St., Oakland**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board invites you to a workshop designed to facilitate coordination of data related to the recent oil spill in the Bay, and evaluation of long-term approaches to cleanup, restoration, and monitoring. The workshop will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Elihu Harris State Building, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. Space is limited, so it is important to register as soon as possible at <http://www.sfei.org/CoscoWorkshopReg.html>.

A host of regional, state, and federal agencies have been working since the November 7, 2007 Cosco Busan oil spill to address both short- and long-term impacts, and clean up affected areas. The Water Board is supporting these efforts as part of its mandate to regulate and protect water quality in Bay Area waters. The January 25 workshop is designed for local environmental groups and scientists as well as participating agencies including the state Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and other state and federal agencies developing a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA); The Water Board; the U.S. Coast Guard; and others.

Your input will help guide the Water Board and other interested parties in determining the appropriate courses of action to ensure that the impacts of the oil spill on the Bay are minimized and mitigated. **Most important, if you have, or know of groups or individuals who have data related to the effects and extent of damage from the oil spill that the agencies listed above may not know about, we request that you contact Karen Taberski at the Water Board (ktaberski@waterboards.ca.gov) in advance of the workshop.**

The primary objectives of the workshop are to:

1. Summarize previous data collection activities related to the spill, as well as any future data collection activities and/or projects
2. Identify data gaps in order to determine if there is a potential for longer-term impacts of the oil spill on the Bay
3. Determine long-term monitoring needs
4. Evaluate cleanup goals
5. Identify potential restoration/mitigation opportunities



WORKSHOP AGENDA

In the morning session, leaders of NRDA workgroups and representatives from OSPR, the Dredged Material Management Office, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and others will summarize the data they have collected to date and plans for future collection efforts. Following the presentations there will be a panel discussion and facilitated question and answer period, providing opportunity for other groups to describe their spill-related activities.

After lunch, representatives from the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) will summarize baseline data available through the Regional Monitoring Program and information on sensitive habitats in the Bay. Most of the afternoon will be devoted to a facilitated discussion of the workshop objectives, in which we hope to draw members of the audience into deliberations about monitoring needs, cleanup goals and remediation.

This workshop is being coordinated by the San Francisco Estuary Institute and the San Francisco Estuary Project. Please register for the workshop at <http://www.sfei.org/CoscoWorkshopReg.html>. For further information contact Karen Taberski at ktaberski@waterboards.ca.gov, 510. 622.2424.